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questions, if I might. The item that is of great interest to me the item involving the Department of Health and Human Services and their writing off of \$306,000 in uncollectible debts, which involves 12 persons who were participating in the medical student loan program. And under the program, tuition is paid, and they're supposed to practice in Nebraska. And they repay the loan in the event that they leave the area contrary to the agreement. And the notes here indicate that the department states they made efforts to collect from these individuals after they left the program. The statute of limitation for collections on each of the accounts is passed. remember reading a little bit of something about that in the newspaper. But it... I guess I would ask you to remind us what happened. And it strikes me as being in a...a great administrative flaw in one place or another that they allowed these things to go uncollected for such a long period of time that the statute of limitations passed. Before the statute of limitations passed, they should have passed it on to the Attorney General, and there should have been a suit filed, this money should have been collected. Because these aren't National Guard students who are out and maybe don't have You're not collecting \$300 on their courses when they money. don't follow through. And I notice we had 40-some of those. But at least those are small amounts of money. Some of them may not have been collectible. I don't know if it's practical to go back and figure out why the National Guard doesn't do a better job. But here you have medical students; \$306,000 is a lot of and we could use that to attract other people to medical practices in rural areas. And yet somehow the administration doesn't seem to think it's worthwhile, apparently, to set up a system to be sure that they know what's going on and that they take appropriate action in a timely manner. I mean, when people say we should run government more like a business, it strikes me that this is an area where you would...should be running government more like a business. But maybe there's some reason that I don't understand why this all happened. Could you tell us what you can tell us about this, and tell us how this is not going to happen in the future, most importantly, I guess?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Vrtiska, do you yield?